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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Kazuhiro AIHARA, et al.

Application No.: 09/499,037



Group Art Unit: 2826

Filed: February 7, 2000

Examiner: J. Mondt

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

**AMENDMENT**

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
The Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated December 12, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims and portions of the specification are presented in the revised amendment format described in the Pre-OG Notice dated January 31, 2003, regarding waiver of the current provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.121(a)-1.121(d).

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